

Due to the nature of VRS providers who can disable calls from being made from their own equipment to other VRS providers if "informed consent" is given, this Interoperability of Videophone Equipment problem (see the source below) can be quickly solved. It is being done by obtaining another VideoPhone Equipment from their competitors and then, buy a VPSwitcher from DEAFWORKS. Finally, the dual Videophone Equipment users will be able to switch to their preference providers at any time without hassles of disconnecting and reconnecting cables between two Videophone Equipment units. Visit DEAFWORKS website for more information about VPSwitcher at: <http://www.deafworks.com/VPSwitcher/about.html>

Source:

Petition on VRS Interoperability: The FCC has now released for public comment a petition to require all video relay service providers to make their services interoperable with one another. This would enable any VRS user using any type of VRS equipment to access any provider through that equipment. The dates on which comments will be due have not yet been set. The notice about the petition is attached, and I have an electronic copy of the petition for anyone who would like to receive it.

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(CCASDHH) CONCERNING VIDEO RELAY SERVICE (VRS) INTEROPERABILITY.

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